

CALIFORNIA CONSERVATION CORPSMEMBERS TO RECEIVE HEALTH BENEFITS

Sacramento---Effective Tuesday, November 2, 2004, California Conservation Corpsmembers and Special Corpsmembers will once again receive fully-paid health care insurance benefits, which means they will receive the coverage at no cost to them with options available for dependents, spouses and partners.

"We have been working very hard over the past months to get this health coverage back for our Corpsmembers, and I'm delighted that everything has come together so we can make this terrific benefit a reality. We recognize that everyone needs and deserves health coverage, and we know how important it is for working people and families," said Will Semmes, Director of the CCC.

According to Semmes, the health insurance package will be administered by United Health Care, and that pre-existing conditions for Corpsmembers and Special Corpsmembers will be covered. CCC/Americorps members now covered by Strategic Resources Company will be switched over to United Health Care as well.

"It's a significant benefit," said Semmes. "We're glad we were able to get it restored, but as anyone employed by the state knows, times have been tough budget-wise. We've taken a huge wallop ourselves, but we're turning the corner. This is evidence that we're not letting up on our commitment to maintaining the Corps as the premier organization of its kind in the United States. We appreciate all our people and the wonderful work they do helping maintain our state's natural beauty."

Conservation Corps officials say that the CCC Human Resources Division will soon provide additional information regarding the Corpsmember coverage, as well as how to sign up for benefits for dependents, spouses and domestic partners.

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